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Director of Central Intelligence

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Assistant Director for Operations

Establishment of Training Pool for Broadcast
Monitors in Process for Appointment.

1. Against a T/O strength of 70 classified positions for American monitors, FBIB is carrying at present an increasing load of broadcast coverage with 46 monitoring personnel. Failure to recruit during the past year to T/O strength is attributable to (a) the fact that 9 monitors are awaiting security clearance at this time, and (b) the reluctance of applicants to wait for long-deferred appointment.

2. The duties of the monitoring positions are so specialized that three months of training are required before a new employee can produce useful material, and six months before he can carry a full load of work.

3. In order to relieve the present FBIB staff shortage as soon as possible by providing a training period to run concurrently with the period of security processing, and by making immediate employment available to applicants, it is desired to establish in the basement of the Briggs School, adjacent to the present pool of uncleared typists and teletypists, a training center for monitoring personnel awaiting security clearance. Such personnel would transcribe and translate from dictaphone recordings of current shortwave broadcasts under the general direction of FBIB East Coast Bureau monitors stationed on the second floor of Briggs School, and would have access to no material classified above "Restricted."

4. Approval is requested for this proposal.

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